

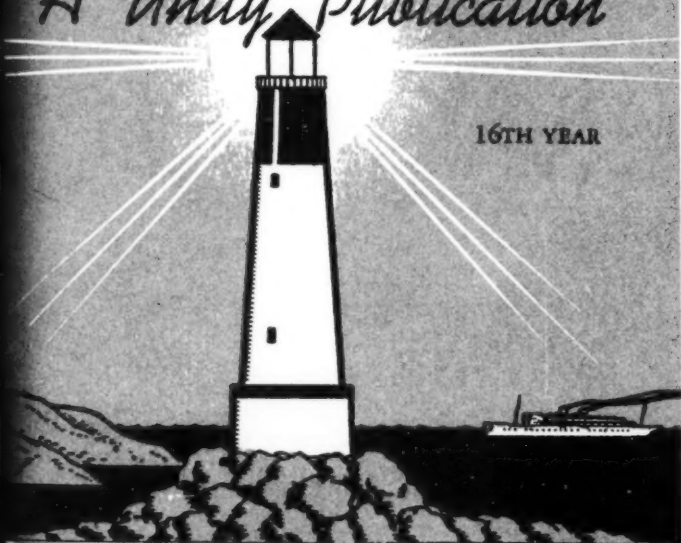
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Thou art the light of my life and I walk  
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Spirit with this prayer:

I praise Thee and bless Thee for the con-  
sciousness of health and wholeness through  
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A little companion that daily directs your steps to  
the sun-tipped heights in whose glory you shall  
behold yourself as a son of God; for such you are.

## *The Christ Is King*

Bertha M. Russell

When startled shepherds heard the wondrous theme  
Of "Peace on earth; for Christ, the Lord, is born,"  
A sleeping world awoke from its long dream  
Of conquering battles to a peaceful morn.

Though rumored war, like deafening static, drowns  
The joyful tidings, still the angels sing;  
For through the ages God's good will abounds,  
And Christ, the Prince of Peace, we now make King!

We who, like Magi, long have sought to find  
The cradled King on pilgrimage afar  
To His indwelling presence have been blind;  
But now we find within our hearts His star.

Whenever mankind prays to Christ in men  
For "peace, good will" of which God's angels sing,  
Each heart—a kingdom—brings its gift again  
And lays it at the feet of Christ, made King!

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## *A Christmas Soliloquy*



WHAT QUIETNESS lay upon the town of Bethlehem the night the Christ was born! The city's noise and clamor had faded with the day. The bartering and the buying at the market had long since ceased with nightfall and the stilling influence of the dark. The children's cries, their laughter, and their frettings would be quiet till the morrow. Men and women slept within their homes and rested from their labors. Upon the neighboring hills even the lambs had ceased their bleating and shepherds leaned upon their staffs in pensive restfulness.

In the stable that stood between the city's edge and the hills' beginning the quiet movements of Mary's husband did not arouse distrust among his lowly hosts. Nor did she whose body was heavy and her spirit light disturb them when she brought forth her highly favored child. Nor did the cry of the child as His lungs laid hold of the breath and life of Spirit disrupt the stable's quietude.

The quietness that infolded the earth that night and soothed its people and its creatures has reached across the centuries to bless me and my world. I

live amid the noises of children's quarrels and joyful patter. I daily work amid the city's blare and traffic. I hear men talk of war and hear their dire predictions. I live and move and have my being in a world not set apart from people or the noise of their inventions. I do not ask or want release from these. The stillness that I know these things cannot disturb. At any time of the day or the night I can turn within and find it. I pray there in that place of peace, and plan and meditate; not even fear can mar it. Whatever storms may rage outside, all is calm, serene within me.

My quietness is Christ's gift to me, and so well have I received it that were there no bells or choirs or sweet hosannas, I should still know the time; for in my soul it is Christmas.

How boundless was the joy that filled the heart of Mary when He with whom the Lord had magnified her soul found safe deliverance! And satisfaction surely wrote itself upon the heart of loyal Joseph. The ringing, joyful notes of the singing angel host left ever blessed with joy the land and hills that gave back their glad reverberations.

The joy that found release that night and filled the earth and heavens, finds in my heart a willing place for its continuation. Joy is another word for living, and joy is my daily portion. It rests with me

in the nighttime to make pleasant my dreams and my sleep. Joy infolds me like the garments I don in the morning, and like the air I breathe it renews me. I find the partaking of food a happy rite and the ride to work an adventure. Joy gives zest to the little tasks and newness to the old ones. Things that happen might discourage me and events be disappointing if I had not received Christ's gift of joy and if Christmas were not of the spirit.

How softly bright the world was made by the star the Wise Men followed! Like the glory that has since reached out to all, it covered every hill and housetop and spread itself like a carpet of light before the three wise travelers. It revealed the eagerness that lighted their eyes and the hope that glowed in their faces. Not once did they turn aside from the way; for the star unerringly led them.

But they had no greater guide than I, for the divine light illumines my pathway too. Not even one step in the dark need I take, nor lose my sense of direction. The light of Spirit shows me how I can live to gain the most from my living. I have problems to meet and taxes to pay and demands on my time and my patience. But the light of Spirit makes them the richest of blessings. Christ lighted the flame that burns in my soul, and within me the time is Christmas.



## *"Such as I Have I Give Thee"*



UPON ONE occasion when Peter and John were going into that gate of the Temple which was called Beautiful, a certain lame man asked alms of them. Peter said to him:

"Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have I give thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God."

At the Christmas season it is customary to give gifts to friends and loved ones and to those who seem to be less fortunate than the donor. Very often people have a desire to bestow more lavish gifts than it seems possible for them to make. If you are among those who feel that your giving is limited by your lack of silver and gold, you can take a lesson from the words and act of Peter.

Now you may say to yourself that your faith is not equal to the performance of seeming miracles,

or that you do not know any one in need of help, or that it is material gifts you want to give.

How do you know the strength of your faith if you have never tried it in behalf of one whose need was desperate? And what of the many persons who are bound by illness and fear to hospital beds and invalid chairs? Some of these may not receive a single word of blessing and encouragement at this time, when there are fires and laughter and comradeship warming the hearts and homes of the thousands who are more fortunate. You need not wait until some ill or lonely one has asked alms of you, but right now, right where you are, you can send out your thought and your word in blessing to many who may have no other Christmas gift than that which Spirit quickens in their own beings.

This is not aimed at decrying material giving, for the giving of material gifts is a custom that occasions much joy and lends interest and enthusiasm to the Christmas season. When it is done with conscious thought as to the origin of the custom and the symbology of it—that of paying tribute to the Christ child—it becomes indeed a beautiful and commendable act. But it is not the only way to give, nor the highest. When Jesus met the woman of Samaria who had come to the well to

draw water, He said to her, "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst." Thus he indicated that there is a greater thirst, a larger need, in the human heart and life than any that can be satisfied by material things.

You can make this Christmas season the most joyous one you have ever had and a most helpful one to others if you will take account of your spiritual qualities and see what you really have to give. You have an overwhelming love in your heart for people or you would not be concerned with giving at all. Surely you can think of at least one person who needs your unselfish, understanding love, who is hungry for some little sign of appreciation from friend or family, whose very soul is crying out for that which you can give. The Father who knows the desire of your heart to express love as well as the emptiness of the soul needing it will provide you with both the opportunity for giving and a recipient for your gift.

You may need only to listen to a recital of some person's problem and by your own poise and trust to show him how to place it where it belongs: in the keeping of Spirit. You may need only to be more patient with some person who has heretofore tried your forbearance, or you may need to become better acquainted with some one who is new in

your circle of family and friends. How little we often know of those with whom we associate daily! How often we are prompted to do something for them in a charitable or financial way, when the real desire of their hearts is for love, understanding, and appreciation.

"Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have I give thee." Do not belittle your spiritual gifts! You have faith, love, understanding, joy, courage: these qualities and many more that you use every day are your real gifts to humanity. As long as you speak a word of life and healing to those who come into your mind, as long as you inspire in some disheartened one the courage to rise up again and keep trying, as long as you see with your eye of faith the rich substance of Spirit taking form to fill some brother's need, as long as you reach out the hand of fellowship and good will to a world imploring peace and harmony, as long as you radiate light to unilluminated minds and love to unlovely circumstances, as long as you rejoice in your own good and the good of others, Christmas will be a continuous and joyous event with you. You will not be disturbed by your inability to give costly material gifts, but you will say with Peter, "Such as I have I give thee." Your gifts are the priceless things of Spirit.

## *"Ye Shall Receive"*



“**A**SK, AND ye shall receive.” Here is a Christmas promise worthy of earnest consideration. Here are five living words, treasures of divine assurance from the lips of Jesus Christ.

Were there no receivers there could be no Christmas, no Christianity, no healings, no action of faith. Therefore it is vital that heart, mind, and soul be kept open and receptive to Jesus Christ, the giver of God's good and perfect gifts.

At Christmas the attention of the race is focused more on giving and receiving than it is at any other time of the year. Therefore it is a most opportune time to consider the gifts that the Christ offers, to ask for them, to prepare to receive them, and to receive.

What is it that you desire most? Is it love?

“Ask, and ye shall receive.” Do not limit the channel of your receiving to some individual man, woman, or child. Ask for love in the name of Jesus Christ and leave every avenue of expression open for His love to come to you, the divine love that interprets and balances the love that you seek

through family relations, marriage, friendship, and other associations. God is love; and when you receive His love you receive His all-providing Spirit, His power to love as He loves, to love with the love that heals, blesses, forgives, satisfies, and rejoices the entire person, mind, body, and soul.

What would mean most to you today? Is it employment where you can put your inner ideals into practice? Surely in such work you can best serve Him who promised, "Ask, and ye shall receive."

Leave the details in the capable hands of Jesus Christ. Do not pray, "Lord, send me this specific job." Rather pray, "Lord, send me work of Thy choosing." Then make the most of every opportunity to serve. If you have but one room, make that room as orderly, cheerful, and bright as you can, for His sake, and the light and joy of His presence will fill it. As you work pray for somebody else. Thus His love and joy will find an outlet through you and the channel to your perfect service will be opened.

"Ask, and ye shall receive."

Do you desire perfect, permanent health?

"Ask, and ye shall receive." Jesus Christ is not standing, an idle onlooker, while all this Christmas giving and receiving is going on in commemoration of the birth of the Christ child in

Bethlehem. He is the active force in the heart of humanity, in your heart and in that of your neighbor, the force that has kept and always will keep Christmas with its good will and good cheer alive in the race.

Do not limit healing to the imperfect appearance in some part of your body. Just open mind, heart, and soul to Him and ask for healing, ask for His life to renew you in His Spirit in mind, body, and soul. Freely, swiftly His healing life and love will flow into you. Coursing through the channel of your mind, it will inspire you with the joy of living His life, of manifesting His wholeness, His holiness, His healing power. Pulsing through your heart, His life will take away every inharmonious or excessive feeling or emotion. It will wash away the defects of the past and leave you with a sunny heart and mind filled with the light, joy, and health of His Spirit. It will restore your soul, and you will know the glory, the joy, the substance of the Father's healing, redemptive life and love in every part of your being, every phase of your life. "Ask, and ye shall receive."

Do you desire greater prosperity? Do you stand in need of a richer supply? Jesus Christ assured us of food, shelter, clothing, wisdom, and love in the name of the Father. "Ask, and ye shall receive."

In your asking do not limit your portion to a pension, to some specific work, to alimony, to stocks or bonds, or to any outer good. Just pray as Jesus Christ suggested. "Give us this day our daily bread." Bread is a complete food. Bread stands for complete and perfect sustenance.

Do you desire to be free from debt? Jesus Christ, the treasurer of the Father's kingdom, will help you shape your affairs in integrity, honor, and complete payment of every debt.

Do you feel lonely, forsaken, grief stricken? Do you want security, companionship, comfort, counsel? "Ask, and ye shall receive." Release your sorrow, your needs, and your desires to Jesus Christ now and pray simply, lovingly, and with a child-like trust, "Lord, be Thou my comfort, my satisfaction, and my peace."

Do you need a strong consciousness of faith, a quickening of receptive faith that draws directly upon the power of God?

"Ask, and ye shall receive"; for the very faith of Jesus Christ will quicken you, and every thought, feeling, emotion, and desire will speed the glad tidings of faith, giving the substance and doing the work of the Christ faith perfectly.

The holy Christ Spirit stands at attention.

"Ask, and ye shall receive."



DECEMBER 1

## Friday

I RESOLVE THIS DAY TO SPEAK ONLY POSITIVE, POWERFUL, UPLIFTING WORDS OF TRUTH.

A NEW day unfolds before you. Greet it with a stout heart, determined to live it to the full and to make of it a successful, satisfactory time. You can help to make it so by using only words of Truth, words that are acceptable to God.

By our words we shape our life. When we say we are strong, vital, alive, we feel the body tingling in response. When we say we are tired, our body responds again, but this time with an impulse toward inertia. We speak words of prosperity and we feel a quickening of the mind that cannot help but give rich ideas. Likewise in all the words we speak—about our environment, our work, or our play—our mind and body responds to them.

So it behooves each of us to stop this day and resolve to use only positive, uplifting words. Do this for one day, watching each word carefully; you will be richly and joyously rewarded.

✻ *The word is gone forth from my mouth in righteousness.—ISA. 45:23.*

# Saturday

DECEMBER 2

I REJOICE AND GIVE THANKS FOR PERFECT, GLORIOUS HEALTH, MY DIVINE BIRTHRIGHT.

**H**EALTH HAS been defined as the condition in which we are least aware of our body. Is it not evident that in health we are unmindful of the body because it is normal to be healthy? Though it is normal to be healthy, we should rejoice in it and be keenly appreciative of perfection and vitality.

We are apt to be very conscious of deviations from the normal of health. For instance, we may give too much attention to pain or weakness, when we should center our attention on wholeness and strength. The attention given to ill-health only makes it become more vivid in our thought. It is the ideal of Truth to make health so vivid and clear in mind as to cast out images of illness entirely. Inharmony or imperfection is overcome not by holding it in the forefront of our mind by much thinking about it but by turning our attention to perfection and peace.

✿ *Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you . . . glorify God therefore in your body.—I COR. 6:19, 20.*

DECEMBER 3

## Sunday

I ACCEPT GOD'S GIFT OF PEACE, AND I LIVE  
IN A WORLD OF HARMONY.

PEACE is one of God's most precious gifts to you. It is in reality the gift of Himself, for God is the presence of peace. At any time, in any circumstance, you can turn to God's presence within you, and become established in serenity of mind and heart.

When things in the world about you seem confusing, whenever any person or condition seems to disturb you, quietly turn to God and receive His benediction of peace. As you abide in this inner peace, harmony and understanding will prevail in your relations with others; order and right adjustment will be established in your affairs. Should you experience any physical inharmony, speak to your body the words "Peace, be still."

Whenever you are undecided in any matter, allow God's peace to fill your mind. As you are poised and at peace in mind, your thoughts will be orderly and your judgment accurate. Your world and your affairs will be in harmony.

☛ *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you.*  
—JOHN 14:27.

# Monday

DECEMBER 4

I USE GOOD JUDGMENT BECAUSE GOD'S WISDOM ILLUMINES AND DIRECTS ME.

**E**ACH DAY brings its experiences, and within every one of us is the desire to use good judgment in every decision we are called upon to make. We want to judge wisely and rightly, to do the thing that will be best for ourselves and for all concerned. This is not difficult when we turn to God for guidance and follow His leading.

Good judgment is your divine birthright, and it is only the pressure and clutter of material affairs that can cause you to lose temporarily the power to select the wise course. Whenever an occasion arises that makes it necessary for you to choose or to exercise judgment, become quiet, turn within to the Father for light and understanding. You will be alert and quick to make right decisions; guided in speech and action in the way that is for your highest good. The illumination of Spirit makes clear, orderly, righteous, and successful the way before you.

\* *Jehovah ministereth judgment to the peoples.*—PSALMS 7:8.

GOD HAS BLESSED THIS MOMENT FOR ME,  
AND I AM RADIANTLY HAPPY.

**D**O YOU know that you stand on the threshold of greater happiness than you have ever known before? You do, and there is no barrier that can prevent your walking through the doorway of the understanding that God is the only active power in your world. Accept the truth that every experience opens a door that leads to infinite blessings.

Today, this moment, is the time for you to open the door to your happiness. Yesterday is gone never to return. Let it be. All thoughts of past mistakes are swept away before your recognition of present blessings. The love of God has purified each moment and prepared it to be lived by you radiantly and completely. Promise yourself to close all doors of yesterday, and to walk through the doorway that leads to the kingdom of happiness. Give thanks for each experience, each opportunity, each blessing that His love has brought to you to increase your joy and make your life perfect.

✿ *After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven.*—REV. 4:1 (A. V.).

I AM FREE FROM ALL ANXIETY BECAUSE MY WHOLE TRUST IS IN GOD.

**A**RE YOU anxious about some situation in your life? You need not be, for the Father assures you, "Lo, I am with you always." When you let anxiety creep into your heart you are looking away from God's promises; you are assuming burdens that are not yours to bear.

Decide today then to free yourself and your loved ones from all anxious thoughts and put your trust in God. When doubt or fear enters your mind replace it with the calm assurance that He is in control, and you will feel a new lifting of spirit. Pain and despair cannot touch the soul that is centered in God, that has released its burdens and placed them in His care and keeping.

Abounding health, abundant supply, and constant protection are yours just for the trusting; so claim your good now. When you acknowledge God as your ever-present help, He will swiftly and unfailingly bless you and your loved ones. Rest in the knowledge that all is well with you.

\* *Casting all your anxiety upon him, because he careth for you.—I PET. 5:7.*

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DECEMBER 7

## Thursday

I PRAISE AND BLESS THE GOODNESS OF GOD  
IN ALL MEN AND IN ALL THINGS.

THERE IS within our heart at all times a response to the good we see, a stirring of praise and approval whenever something or some one pleases us. It is the natural impulse of our being to respond to the good wherever it appears. Sometimes our vision may be so clouded as to permit us to perceive only a small degree of good in ourselves, in those about us, or in the world in general. Although there may be times or circumstances in life when it seems there is very little to praise, if we will begin by rejoicing in that little, other evidences of good will become apparent and we shall find much to rejoice our heart.

Regardless of outer appearances, we can always be sure of the inner presence of God's goodness. When we look beyond our personal shortcomings, we behold our innate divinity. When we look upon men as our fellow brothers in Christ, we discount any imperfection. Praising and magnifying the good calls that good forth into fuller expression.

✿ *Let them say continually, Jehovah be magnified.*  
—PSALMS 35:27.

Friday

DECEMBER 8

I SHARE MY RICH CONSCIOUSNESS OF SPIRIT  
WEALTH IN EVERY GIFT I GIVE.

EVERY GOOD gift is from God. When we give to another, the real worth of our gift is in the spiritual consciousness which we share rather than in the gift itself. Whether a gift is presented by a king or a shepherd and whether the gift is gold or a crust of bread, its true worth is not in the mere monetary value of it but in the rich consciousness of the giver. The real gift is in the giver rather than in the material symbol that he presents.

A word, a smile, a gentle deed may seem a small gift, but how many lives have been redeemed by such gifts! A thought laden with faith and love may be the gift you send silently across the miles to an absent one, but what wonderful good is done! Peace is given, healing is manifested, guidance is sent, joy is felt in a heart, supply is found to fulfill a need. Such a thought is prayer, unuttered but felt in the heart of one who realizes that God is omnipresent and omnipotent.

◆ *Follow after love; yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts.*  
—I COR. 14:1.



THROUGH CHRIST I AM EACH DAY FILLED  
WITH NEW COURAGE TO GO FORWARD IN  
THE TRUTH.

**H**AVE YOU ever reached a point in your life when it seemed impossible to go on, when it seemed that further effort would avail you nothing? Such an attitude does not mean that you have lost your faith; it means only that you have temporarily lost your courage.

To recapture your lost courage, to find new hope and strength welling up within you, it is necessary only that you begin anew to exercise the faith that is an inherent part of your being. Courage is only one of the many facets of faith, and it is a happy, natural expression of the one whose faith is centered in the love and power and righteousness of God. Every day offers new opportunities to the soul that is alert and responsive to the good. Very often only a new realization of courage is needed to reveal the way of Truth as a shining, unobstructed path to infinite blessings. Take new courage and go forward triumphantly today.

*Be strong, and let your heart take courage,  
All ye that hope in Jehovah.*

—PSALMS 31:24.

## THE LOVE OF GOD IN MY HEART ATTRACTS TO ME MY GOOD.

LOVE is often likened to a magnet that draws our good to us. A magnet draws to it that which is of like quality because of something inside itself and not because of anything outside itself.

So with love. Without noise or force it attracts to us only good. When we have love in our heart our blessings naturally come to us without any apparent effort. Because love is good all that comes to us must be good. Love draws to us that which is desirable and lovely and of greatest worth.

We must feel love, love so divine and unselfish that it radiates from us to our environment, our loved ones, our friends, and to all whom we meet. Everything we contact feels this love, and it heals and harmonizes. It draws into its radiant circle all who need its warmth and tenderness. Love does not seek its own selfishly, but because of its magnetic quality, draws its own to the one in whom it finds free expression.

\* *Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.—JER. 31:3.*

DECEMBER 11

Monday

THROUGH THE DISCRIMINATING POWER OF  
DIVINE INTELLIGENCE I DISCERN THAT  
WHICH IS TRUE CONCERNING ALL THINGS.

DAILY WE are called upon to discriminate between that which is true and that which is false. To insure constant growth we must erase from our mind those thoughts and ideas which do not conform to Truth principles and incorporate those which attest to the veracity of Spirit.

Divine Mind in us knows only the good, the true, the honorable, the just. However sometimes through lack of understanding we accept ideas as true that have no foundation in Truth. It is necessary therefore to quicken and develop our innate power of discrimination, in order that we may judge rightly between good and inferior or mistaken ideas.

Today if you are faced with some new idea about which you are uncertain, become still in the knowledge that the presence of divine intelligence within you gives you power to discern quickly and accurately that which is true and constructive.

☛ *Jehovah knoweth the thoughts of man.*—PSALMS 94:11.

# The



In Bethlehem  
And round His  
Then from afar  
A muted choir  
Around the Child  
And made the  
As lonely shepherds  
The Wise Men  
While gently  
"Glory to God

Still through the  
To tell men of  
No manger no  
Nor shepherds  
For Christ is  
But in the hall  
In reverence  
In wordless prayer  
And in our hearts  
"The Christ is

# The Christ is Born

• BERNICE MINTER •

In Bethlehem the Christ child slept, watched o'er with loving care,  
And round His manger lay a hush of reverent, unvoiced prayer.  
Then from afar, scarce more than sound of passing angel feet,  
A muted chorus filled the air with music low and sweet.  
Around the Child a brightness grew that lighted every face  
And made the lowly stable home a shining, holy place.  
As lonely shepherds watched their flocks and wondered at His star  
The Wise Men brought to Him their gifts, rich treasures from afar,  
While gently came the angels' song across the night so still:  
"Glory to God, our Lord is born! Peace to the earth, good will."

Still through the years that joyous song rings in the silent night  
To tell men of the Saviour's birth and lead them to His light.  
No manger now do wise men seek, nor bear their gifts afar,  
Nor shepherds pause beside their sheep to marvel at His star.  
For Christ is this day born in us, not in a land apart  
But in the hallowed place prepared within each waiting heart.  
In reverence we welcome Him, in joy proclaim Him King;  
In wordless prayer our gifts of love, of faith, and praise we bring,  
And in our unity with Him the blessed song fulfill:  
"The Christ is born! Peace to the earth! To every man good will!"

# Tuesday

DECEMBER 12

THE MIND OF GOD INSPIRES ME WITH RICH,  
PRODUCTIVE IDEAS.

ALL THE good that is already in manifest form and all that is yet to be made manifest is now in existence as a divine idea in the mind of Spirit within. Through his mind man has direct access to these rich, fertile ideas.

The great accomplishments of the world have a common source: the inspiration of illumined minds. How often have complicated inventions, an entire symphony, a work of genius and great worth to the world, been the outcome of such inspiration! The author of the much-loved hymn "Silent Night" is said to have received the inspiration for writing the words that enabled him to compose the entire song in one evening.

Should you have some desire right now, the highest and best way of fulfilling it is to go to the illumining presence within. From the mind of God within yourself you will receive divine inspiration in the form of rich, creative ideas.

✿ *There is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.—JOB 32:8 (A. V.).*

DECEMBER 13

Wednesday

I HAVE FAITH IN GOD AND IN MYSELF AS A  
PERFECT EXPRESSION OF GOD.

**T**O HAVE faith in God is to believe in God. To have faith in God is to believe that He is the only presence and power in your life. To have faith in yourself is to believe that you are a channel through which God expresses Himself; to believe that you are a very son of God.

In developing your faith you must learn to follow your own inner guidance. This is real faith, effective faith. Faith is the first requisite to demonstration. It is the connecting link between cause and effect, between the invisible and the visible.

Faith is a part of your very nature. You live by faith. You exercise faith every day just as you see, hear, and think. Faith is always effective. It is necessary for you to place your faith in God and in yourself as a son of God in order to realize the goodness and perfection God has already created for you. Your mind, your body, and all your affairs are perfect in God's sight. Believe this. In so doing you open the way to your good.

♣ *All things are possible to him that believeth.*—MARK 9:23.

# Thursday

DECEMBER 14

I AM STRONG IN THE LORD, AND I MEET EVERY SITUATION WITH ASSURANCE AND POISE.

**N**O COMBINATION of circumstances is too perplexing, too involved, or too difficult for you to handle successfully. God has given you the strength and the wisdom to do your part. He will take care of the rest.

Where other persons are concerned, do not allow your righteous judgment to be swayed by any little personal likes or dislikes on your part. Let God's law of love prevail. Let your realization that God is your strength give you poise and assurance and make you a powerful harmonizing influence.

Look at every element of any problem in the light of divine love. See every person involved in it as Christ-illuminated, eager, and willing to co-operate with you even as you are eager and willing to co-operate with him. Know that through God's help everything is done rightly, peaceably, and in order, all adjustments are made harmoniously, and success attends all concerned. This is God's way.

✿ *Let the weak say, I am strong.*—JOEL 3:10.



DECEMBER 15

*Friday*

GUIDED BY INFINITE LOVE, I APPLY THE  
GOLDEN RULE IN ALL MY UNDERTAKINGS,  
AND I AM SUCCESSFUL.

**D**O UNTO others as you would have them do unto you. Keep this rule in mind as you handle all your transactions today. As you go forth to meet your fellow man, realize that he is a partner in life, a friend whose friendship should be cultivated. Let divine love direct your attitude, your conversation, and your activities, and you will be applying the Golden Rule.

If you are in business, do not be fearful of competition. Bless those with whom you have transactions. There is plenty for all persons in God's kingdom, and the more you co-operate with your neighbor the more he will co-operate with you. In every contact you make with others today let your indwelling Christ guide you to do that which is wise, loving, and kind. As you see the good in others, and give forth good in your own way, you will be doing your part to further the kingdom of God on earth.

✿ *All things therefore whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them.*  
—MATT. 7:12.

# Saturday

DECEMBER 16

I AM NOT DECEIVED BY APPARENT INJUSTICE.  
GOD CONTINUALLY REVEALS HIS GOOD TO  
ME.

**D**O YOU feel that you are unjustly treated? Is some one receiving credit for work that you are doing? Is some one apparently taking unfair advantage of you?

Do not let a single thought of jealousy, spitefulness, or grudge enter your mind. Instead turn to the Spirit of God indwelling in you, and let His love and clear vision show you the truth that underlies the situation. Center your thought upon God; become receptive to His goodness, and no appearance of "evil" can cause you any harm, discomfort, or discredit.

God created a universe that operates according to law. Injustice or unfairness has no part in it in the sight of God. If your vision for a moment turns away from Spirit and sees the mortal or worldly point of view you become conscious of both good and "evil." Your need then is to turn your thoughts and vision back to God, and behold the good that He has in store for you.

✻ *Jehovah is our judge . . . he will save us.*—ISA. 33:22.

DECEMBER 17

## Sunday

I AM UNFETTERED AND UNBOUND, FOR I  
HAVE CAST MY BURDEN ON THE LORD.

**A**RE YOU seeking a place of rest and quiet, a place where you can take your problem and know that it will be solved in a perfect way? Is it perhaps such a personal problem that you hesitate to take it to your dearest friend? Perhaps it is of such a nature that to explain it would be to expose your very soul.

There is within you a divine helper, the Christ presence of light and strength and understanding, that you may turn to whenever you need guidance or counsel or aid. If you would be comforted, directed, refreshed, quiet every outer thought and enter the secret place of the Most High, the place of stillness at the heart of your being. Take with you every anxiety, every care, every thought of weariness, discouragement, uncertainty, or oppression and release it wholly to the Lord. Straight from the fountain of infinite love and wisdom will come your inspiration, guidance, and understanding. You will be renewed in mind and in Spirit.

✿ *Unto his house . . . shall there be peace for ever.*  
—I KINGS 2:33.

# Monday

DECEMBER 18

MY ENVIRONMENT IS GOD, AND I AM HAPPY  
AND SATISFIED.

**I**F YOUR environment at the present time is not just what you desire, you can change it. The power to do so lies not in outer conditions but within your own mind and heart. The true environment of every one is God, for He is omnipresent, and no one is ever beyond the reach of His tender, infolding love. When you fully realize this, your home, your work, and your friends can all come up to your highest ideals.

Begin today to bless your surroundings and every person you contact in your daily life. See God in everything and every one and affirm that you are attracting beauty and happiness and satisfaction. Give thanks for the good that you have now and keep your vision fixed upon what you desire to see manifested. When you have established order and harmony in the inner kingdom, outer conditions will soon fall in line and you will behold the fulfillment of your dreams and aspirations. Both the within and the without will manifest perfection.

✿ *Be ye yourselves also holy in all manner of living.*  
—I PET. 1:15.

DECEMBER 19

*Tuesday*

MY SPIRITUAL SIGHT IS QUICKENED AND I  
WALK IN THE LIGHT.

**O**UR OUTER eyes act as the agent through which light and color and the objects of the world are made visible to us, but our true sight is the perceptive faculty of the mind. Our ability to see clearly and accurately depends upon the degree to which we have developed our inner power of perception.

Seeing with the outer eyes is but one phase of spiritual sight. There are things that require more than mere physical sight to make them clear, so it is necessary that we develop and use and depend upon our inner spiritual sight. As long as we look only to outer things we but "see through a glass, darkly." But when we direct our vision to the Christ, the light and wisdom of God within, our divine powers of perception and direction and divine comprehension are heightened, quickened, made keen and alert. No longer are we in darkness, indecision, or sadness, but both our inner and outer sight is blessed.

● *And your eyes shall see, and ye shall say, Jehovah be magnified.*—MAL. 1:5.

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DECEMBER 20 TO  
JANUARY 19

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Daily at 11 a. m. join us in this thought for spiritual  
**ILLUMINATION** . . . *My spiritual*  
*sight is quickened and I walk in the*  
*light.*



At high noon each day concentrate your attention on this  
thought for

**PROSPERITY** . . . *I am conscious of*  
*the rich substance of the Christ body,*  
*and my prosperity is assured.*



At 9 p. m. each night let us acknowledge the power of  
Spirit for

**HEALING** . . . *I am reborn in the*  
*Spirit of Christ, and my perfect body*  
*appears.*

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DECEMBER 20

## Wednesday

I AM CONSCIOUS OF THE RICH SUBSTANCE OF THE CHRIST BODY, AND MY PROSPERITY IS ASSURED.

**M**ANY PERSONS think of the Master Jesus as a great teacher, who was born to bring a message of peace to the earth, who was crucified, and who was then lifted to heaven. They do not know that the heavenly realm to which He ascended was the realm of Spirit and that He is present with us today in His perfect, spiritual, Christ body.

The Christ body is the real of our physical world. It is the substance out of which our body and all that appears in the outer world is formed. Jesus was aware of the presence of this inner Christ substance, and He drew upon it whenever He needed it, whether it was for the restoration of a body, for the feeding of five thousand persons, or for money for taxes.

The substance of the Christ body is within and all about us. We have but to recognize it and to draw upon it for the rich and satisfying fulfillment of every inner and outer need.

\* *Ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.*  
—HEB. 10:34 (A. V.).

# Thursday

DECEMBER 21

I AM REBORN IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST, AND  
MY PERFECT BODY APPEARS.

**I**MPLANTED WITHIN our physical body is the pattern of a perfect spiritual or Christ body. When the presence of this divine pattern is recognized and given expression, our physical body is released from all tendency to weakness, disease, and even the condition known as death.

The consciousness of the child born to Mary was so illumined as to comprehend this truth, and His mission on earth was to make this fact understandable to men. Jesus so completely gave expression to the Christ pattern, the Christ Spirit within, that He became known as Jesus the Christed one or Jesus Christ. Through His consciousness of the perfect Christ body within His physical body was raised to the perfection of its spiritual nature.

The same divine pattern is within each of us and when we awaken to this Truth we are reborn in the Christ Spirit, our body is released from sickness and inharmony, and the perfection of the Christ body appears.

● *That which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*—JOHN 3:6.



DECEMBER 22

*Friday*

MY HEART IS FULL OF GOD'S GLADNESS,  
WARMING, CHEERING, BRIGHT.

**G**OD HAS put gladness in your heart, that ripple of inner spiritual ecstasy that wells up in carols of good will and good cheer, tips your tongue with living words of Truth, and shines from your countenance in radiant happiness.

Gladness will give savor to all that you think and do this day. It will quicken and lighten your work, it will enter into all your thoughts, feelings, and activities to such a degree that others will feel the cheering glow of your gladness and be quickened.

The gladness of God in your heart puts the seal of Christmas cheer upon your day. It enters into all the gifts you give or should like to give, making them real blessings to others. Winsome is the smile within your heart, friendly is the smile upon your lips, gracious is the greeting from you to others, and from others to you, for God has put His gladness in your heart to make your whole world bright.

❁ *Thou hast put gladness in my heart.*—PSALMS 4:7.

# Saturday

DECEMBER 23

GOD IS MY PERFECT GIFT: HE GIVES THROUGH ME.

**G**OD is your perfect gift, and He gives Himself through you. He gives His love, His joy, His peace freely, and His love, joy, and peace make priceless every gift you give.

No man can appraise the value of even the smallest tribute given in God's name, inspired by His love, under His direction. It has been said that the average person is inclined to give what he himself would like most to have, but this does not prove true of the one who loves God. Such a one desires above all else to give as the Christ gives: healing to the sick, strength to the weak, joy to the unhappy, comfort to the sorrowing, a bit of praise to the unacclaimed, peace and harmony to all the world.

God who is your perfect gift gives all these gifts and more through you. Your gifts may be store purchased, homemade, or the invisible gifts of the Christ in you, but every one is a priceless gift, for God is giving Himself through you.

❁ *Each man hath his own gift from God.*—I COR. 7:7.

I REJOICE BECAUSE I CONSTANTLY BEHOLD  
THE STAR OF RIGHTEOUSNESS LIGHTING MY  
WAY.

THE STAR in the east that the Wise Men followed as they searched for the Christ child symbolizes an illumined consciousness. As we come into the realization of our oneness with Christ, His star will ever shine for us. We shall know that we do not have to journey afar to find Him but merely enter into the secret place of the Most High within our own heart and there behold Him. Every heart is a manger cradling the Christ child. Every heart is His throne. Every heart is His kingdom. Humility and grandeur are unified, for with childlike simplicity and trustfulness the riches of the kingdom are brought into manifestation.

Blessed is the man who with dauntless courage willingly seeks the Christ even through hardship, but more blessed is the one who can take the words of Jesus Christ as truth and know that he is one with Him. Freely does His star shed its wondrous light to lead us in His Truth.

✿ *When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.—MATT. 2:10.*

# Monday

DECEMBER 23

CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD, IS THIS DAY BORN  
IN ME.

ON EVERY hand we hear and see evidences of Christmas. While many celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us celebrate the coming of Christ to the individual consciousness. Let us be merry because the Christ child in our consciousness comes forth in manifestation as the consummation of our highest ideals.

Merry Christmas! Merry indeed is he who from a consciousness of the Christ within himself celebrates the true Christmas. Merry Christmas! When we hear this word of cheer let us know that Christ in us is being saluted and honored. Let us with Jesus rejoice that we have brought forth the Christ. Let us rejoice that God has manifested light and perfection in our mind and in our body.

Merry Christmas! From the very depths of consciousness we sing: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men." Merry Christmas! To all people everywhere, to all friends and students of DAILY WORD, we say "Merry Christmas!"

✿ *Christ be formed in you.*—GAL. 4:19.

DECEMBER 26

Tuesday

I MEDITATE UPON WORDS OF TRUTH THAT  
I MAY BE CONTINUALLY AWARE OF CHRIST  
IN ME.

WHEN JESUS was born to Mary, shepherds came to worship Him and to tell wondrous things that had been declared to them by the hosts of heaven. Mary, we are told, kept these things in her heart and pondered them.

How natural it is for one quickened in spiritual consciousness to ponder the words of Truth! By this pondering or meditating the soul is made aware of its spiritual status. It is awakened to new light; it learns of its divine nature, and learning this, it seeks to feed upon the word that the Spirit may be nourished.

Time spent in meditation is well spent. It not only blesses the soul, but it renews the body, gives new impetus to the mind through the inflow of new ideas. It reveals the way to meet the demands of everyday life, to bring about success and prosperity. It brings one into the realization that Christ is come in the flesh of every man to be his way-shower, his peace, his salvation.

\* *O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.*  
—PSALMS 119:97 (A. V.).

## Wednesday

DECEMBER 27

AS I KEEP WATCH IN THE FIELD OF SERVICE  
THAT GOD HAS GIVEN ME, HIS HEAVENLY  
HOST KEEPS WATCH OVER ME.

A WORKMAN of God is never alone as he serves in the work appointed to him. Thoughts, God-given thoughts, are angels of heaven keeping vigil over him. Such thoughts are filled with wisdom, and they give new inspiration for every undertaking. Heaven-inspired thoughts are joyful, and they lift up the soul of the thinker until it joins the hosts of heaven in a chorus of peace and good will that harmonizes heaven and earth.

Radiant are these messengers of God, radiant with the light that reveals the Christ in the heart of the thinker. Even as the shepherds returned to their fields rejoicing after they had found the Christ and worshiped Him, so may each workman of God go on his way filled with the joy of the new-found Christ in his heart. No longer is his task one of labor; it is redeemed, and is now his field of Christ expression.

✿ *I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people.*—LUKE 2:10.

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DECEMBER 28

## Thursday

I MAGNIFY THE LORD AS I BEHOLD HIM IN  
OTHERS AND REVEAL TO THEM HIS PRESENCE  
IN ME.

NO GREATER love can we express for the Christ than when we recognize His presence in men. No greater good can we do to others than when we behold Christ in them. When Mary had been informed that the "holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God," she hastened to her cousin Elizabeth and saluted her. At this salutation Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit; she recognized the Christ in Mary and then pronounced a blessing upon her.

How blessed would our salutations be if with every one of them we beheld the Christ in the one saluted! In the spirit of Truth let us henceforth seek to behold the Christ in every person we meet, regardless of how seemingly casual our salutation may be. Let us know that Christ in us blesses the Christ in every man. Let us also know that we are blessed by the Christ in others, for He never fails to recognize His Spirit in us.

✿ *My soul doth magnify the Lord.*—LUKE 1:46.

*Friday*

DECEMBER 29

I AM A NEW CREATURE IN CHRIST.

AS WE APPROACH the conclusion of this year and face the beginning of the new year, it is well to consider the admonition of Paul: "That ye put away, as concerning your former manner of life, the old man . . . and that ye be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new man, that after God hath been created in righteousness and holiness of truth."

Resolve today not to carry forward into your new year a single phase of your "former manner of life." Let go of every old thought that you have had and let the Christ Spirit within renew your mind, your body, and your world.

If you have thought of your body as diseased or imperfect, quicken in yourself a new view of it. See it as the temple of the Most High, strong, holy, divine, renewed and restored by the life of Christ in you. If you have experienced lack or feared for the future, re-establish your faith in that which cannot fail: omnipresent Christ substance. Let the love of Christ within inspire and set you free.

✿ *If any man is in Christ, he is a new creature.*—II COR. 5:17.



DECEMBER 30

*Saturday*

LORD CHRIST, I THANKFULLY ACCEPT THE MORE ABUNDANT LIFE THAT THOU ART COME TO MANIFEST IN ME.

**T**HE MORE abundant life of which Jesus Christ spoke is more than mere life. It is life filled with health, strength, radiance, joy. It is the life that was breathed into you by the breath of God in the beginning.

Jesus came that you might be enlightened concerning this life which is the divine heritage of all. He showed by example what such a life could accomplish. He restored many to health. He called some from the claim of death into life. His mission was a life mission: to manifest life to you and to turn the thoughts of all men lifeward.

Are you weary of appearances of sickness, weakness, worry, and despondency? Then accept the more abundant life that Jesus Christ came to manifest in you. He is here, and His presence fills your mind, body, and world with life. Clothe your thoughts with life, and bless your body with thanksgiving because it is alive with the life of God!

✿ *I came that they may have life, and may have it abundantly.*—JOHN 10:10.

# Sunday

DECEMBER 31

IN THE SABBATH PEACE I REALIGN MY PURPOSE WITH THE PURPOSE OF GOD.

ON THIS Sabbath day, Father-God, we pause from our doing; we ponder on the divine will that gives purpose and meaning to our doing. In the leisure of Thy day of rest we consciously open our heart to Thy wisdom; we store up understanding against the coming six days when the clamor of the market place will overlies the Sabbath calm.

The market place is good in its own way; we know this, Father. Indeed we realize that all is good and that any seeming departure from good is a result of human failure to establish God's will of perfection. In the Sabbath hush therefore we lay the pattern of our life before Thee and invite divine amendment. In quietness we receive Thine instructions.

We thank Thee, Father, for Thy Sabbath, which gives us opportunity to arrange our life in proper relation to Thee and to our brethren, Thine other children.

✿ *Keep my sabbaths: I am Jehovah your God.*—LEV. 19:3.



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